GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:441
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2002
INTERNET AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Internet Service Providers working in the country at present;

(b) the revenue being generated by them;

(c) whether any new agencies have come forward to provide this facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of such agencies who have been given permission to start the business?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTTO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHIN RESPECTOF PARTS(a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 441 FOR 24TH APRIL, 2002 REGARDING INTERNET AGENCIES.

(a) Government has given licenses to 428 Internet Service Providers (ISPs). As per available information, atpresent 161 Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are providing internet services in the country.

(b) There is no license fee to be paid by ISPs up to 31.10.2003. Even after that date the license fee payable is only Re. 1/-per annum. Since license fees for ISPs are not linked to the revenue generated,the information in this regard is not being obtained from the ISPs by Government.

(c) to (e): During 2001-2002, 72 new applications for ISP licenses had been received from 60 companies and 49 licenses were issued to 42 companies.